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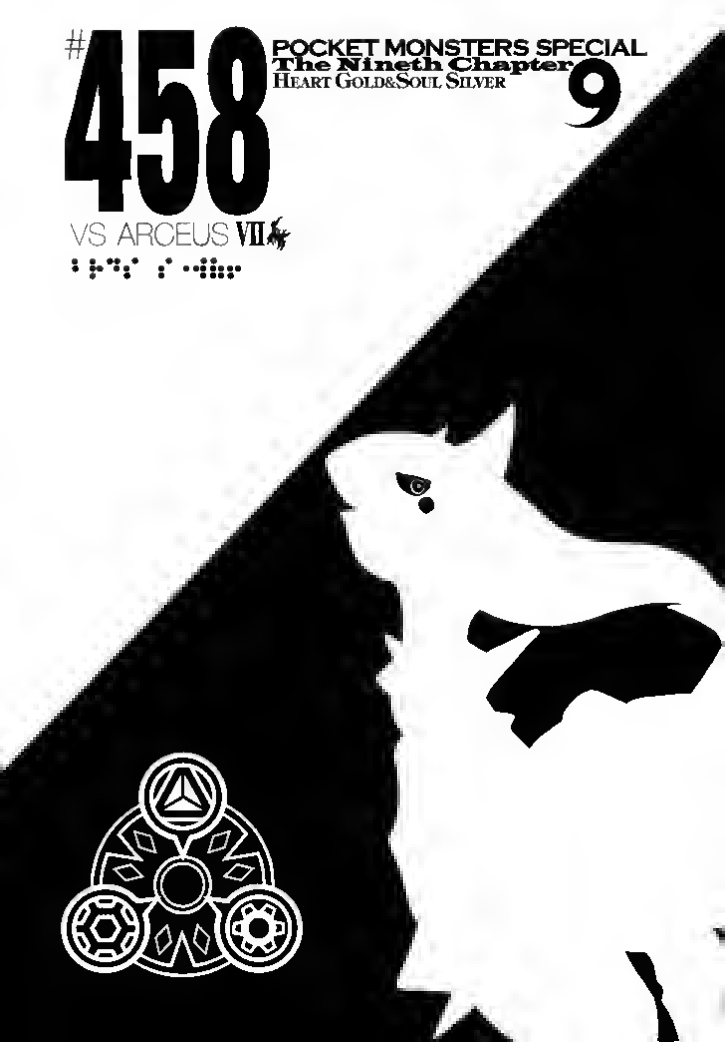
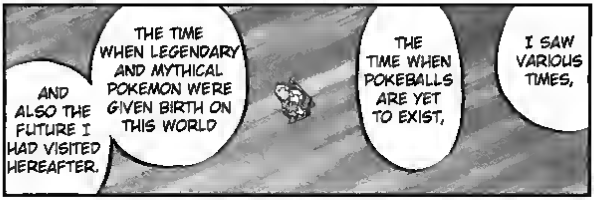
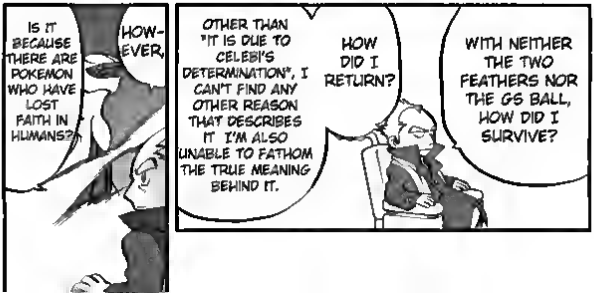
VS ARCEUS VII



AFTER THE BATTLE AGAINST YOU, I WAS LEFT IN THE CRACK IN TIME,
ADRIFT IN THE VOIDS OF THE PAST AND FUTURE,
LIKE HOW A FLOATING WEED DEPENDS ON WAVES.


I SAW VARIOUS TIMES,
THE TIME WHEN POKEBALLS ARE YET TO EXIST,
THE TIME WHEN LEGENDARY AND MYTHICAL POKEMON WERE GIVEN BIRTH ON THIS WORLD
AND ALSO THE FUTURE I HAD VISITED HEREAFTER.


WITH NEITHER THE TWO FEATHERS NOR THE GS BALL, HOW DID I SURVIVE?
HOW DID I RETURN?
OTHER THAN "IT IS DUE TO CELEBI'S DETERMINATION", I CAN'T FIND ANY OTHER REASON THAT DESCRIBES IT. I'M ALSO UNABLE TO FATHOM THE TRUE MEANING BEHIND IT.
HOW-EVER,
IS IT BECAUSE THERE ARE POKEMON WHO HAVE LOST FAITH IN HUMANS?

THERE ARE NO POKEMON WHO HOLDS HOPE TOWARDS HUMANS AND WHO ARE READY TO LEND A HAND TO THEM?
THAT ON THE OTHER HAND,

I LIVED IN THE CRACK IN TIME
MAYBE FOR SUCH AN INSTANCE,

WHERE CELEBI SECRETLY GOT CLOSE TO HUMANS TO ASSIST THEM
I SAW, A TIME UNKNOWN TO ME,

THAT IS TO SAY, TONIGHT, THE TIME WHEN WE RETURNED HERE. FOR THIS INSTANCE, LANCE STARTED PREPARING
THAT EXTRA-ORDINARY NIGHT WHEN CELEBI FLEW DOWN FROM THE SHRINE,

THAT PERSON WAS LANCE

I WAS SOMEHOW INFORMED OF THE SITUATION THAT OCCURED AFTER THIS THERE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON WHO ANSWERED MY CALL FROM THE CRACK IN TIME.

HE CONTACTED OAK SEEKING ASSISTANCE, IN THE HOPE TO GAIN ARCEUS'S TRUST AND TO PREVENT THE CREATION OF THE THREE LEGENDARIES
THIS IS AS FAR AS I KNOW

W-WAIT!
WHY WAS MY FATHER WITH YOU ?!
WHILE WAITING FOR THE MOMENT FOR CELEBI TO ARRIVE,
WE WEREN'T ALONE

... PRYCE...
GIO-VANNI...!!
SFX: CLASH
LANCE, WHO WAS HE DOING HERE, CAME.
AS IF GUIDED BY THE LEGENDS STATING THAT CELEBI IS ABLE TO "GRANT THE CURE FOR THE MOST SEVERE ILLNESSES."
IT SEEMED GIOVANNI WANTED TO PURSUE CELEBI.

MR GIOVANNI THIS OLD MAN PRYCE AND I ARE INDIVIDUALS MUTUALLY CONNECTED TO YOU.
HOWEVER, I WANT YOU TO SOMEHOW BELIEVE US

NO, EVEN FOR YOUR SON, SILVER, CAN'T WE JUST JOIN FORCES TO PROTECT THEM?
FOR THE LIVES OF THE POKEMON AND HUMANS IN THIS WORLD FOR THE ACTS IN LIFE

YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE TO ME.
IN THE EVENT THAT WE PUT THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL,
PLEA-SE.

HARRY
KEN,
AL,
YES!
YES!
YES!
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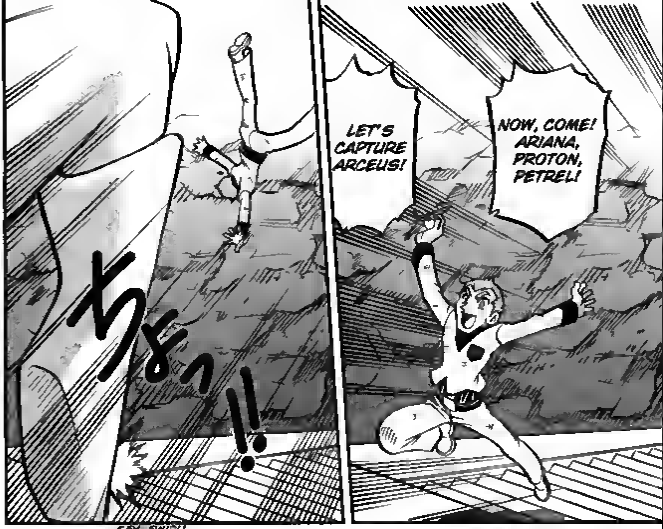
I'LL BE GOING TO SINJOH NOW.
DON'T LET ANYONE GET CLOSE TO THIS FOREST, TO CELEBI!
ELIMINATE THEM EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO RISK YOUR LIVES!

YE-
YES SIR!

SFX: ROAR ROAR

I'M PULLING MYSELF OUT OF THIS SITU-ATION
ME TOO
UN-APPRO-VED.
WHAT IS WITH THIS?! THIS PROGRESSION?! THE SITUATION IS COMPLETELY BAD TO US!
ALL THE ACTIONS WE TOOK FOR GIOVANNI SEEMS TO HAVE TURNED AGAINST HIM, HUH
BACKING OFF FROM A BATTLE
I WILL NOT APPRO-VE IT.
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, ARCHER?!
THE GIOVANNI WE HAD BEEN WAITING AND HOPING FOR, IS NO LONGER THE GIOVANNI FROM BEFORE.
HE'S NOT THE BOSS OF TEAM ROCKET ANYMORE.
FROM NOW ON,
WITH ARCEUS WHICH HAD ABSORBED ALL THE PLATES, WITH THE PERFECT ARCEUS BY MY SIDE,
I, ARCHER, WILL RULE TEAM ROCKET!!


NOW, COME! ARIANA, PROTON, PETREL!
LET'S CAPTURE ARCEUS!
SFX: FWIP!!

SFX: THUD
EEE-EEEK!!
IDIOTS
TO BE THINKING OF USING YOUR OWN POWER TO MAKE ARCEUS SURRENDER, OR EVEN TO CREATE THE THREE DRAGON POKEMON

!?
ALL OF THIS IS WHAT ARCEUS ITSELF HAD HOPED FOR
TO STOP THE HUMANS WHO HAVE BROUGHT DESTRUCTION TO THE WORLD, ARCEUS RISKED CREATING THOSE THREE POKEMON.

SFX. TAP

ARCEUS HAD ALREADY BEEN THINKING OF ABANDONING HOPE TOWARDS HUMANS.
WHEN ARCHER DRAGGED ARCEUS DOWN TO THE EARTH,

I-IS THAT TRUE? WHAT YOU HAVE JUST SAID?

IT WANTS TO AGAIN EMBRACE THE HOPE OF TRUSTING HUMANS.
SURPASSING THE INTERESTS OF HUMANS AND POKEMON, TO OBSERVE THEIR MUTUAL TRUST AND THEIR EXCHANGE OF HEARTS,

HOWEVER, IT ALSO WANTS TO BELIEVE IN CREATURES LIKE US.

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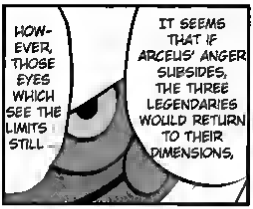

HOWEVER, THOSE EYES WHICH SEE THE LIMITS STILL
IT SEEMS THAT IF ARCEUS' ANGER SUBSIDES, THE THREE LEGENDARIES WOULD RETURN TO THEIR DIMENSIONS,

SFX: BOOM
IT'S TOO SMALL HERE. AS OF NOW, WE NEED TO AVOID THE INTERFERENCE OF THE THREE LEGENDARIES.
LET'S LURE THEM OUTSIDE
LET'S HELP, TOO!
GOLD, YOU TOO...!
SFX: PON PON

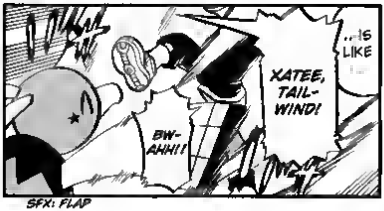
I WON'T GO.
GOLD ...!
TO CALM DOWN ARCEUS' HEART, THAT IS MY MISSION COMING HERE.

SFX: PON
GO FIRST, YOU GUYS.
DON'T WORRY

OH, THERE WAS ONE THING I FORGOT TO SAY

CRYS,
THOSE CLOTHES OF YOURS

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANTED TO SAY, BUT...
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!

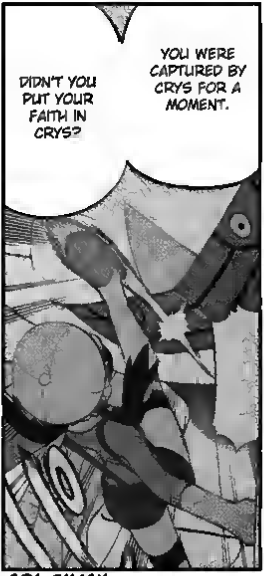

...IS LIKE
XATEE, TAIL-WIND!
BW-AHH!!
SFX: FLAP

I WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU
"I FINISHED MY MISSION!"
GOT-CHA!

YOU MAY SEE THEM AS HUMANS THAT TRY TO DISILLUSION YOU
THEM, EVEN ME,

HEY, ARCEUS

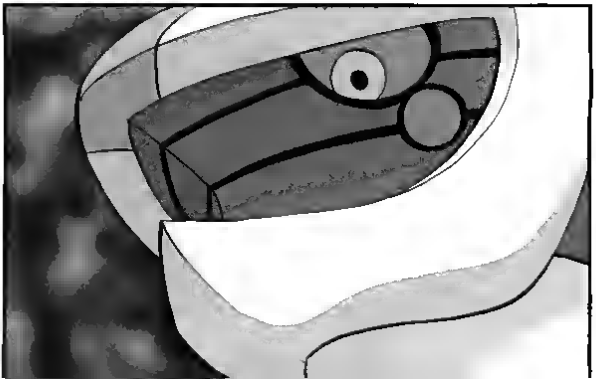
TALK ABOUT DESTRUCTION OR SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
THEN, AT LEAST CRYS POSSESSES YOUR BASIC HOPE TOWARDS HUMANS, RIGHT?


YOU WERE CAPTURED BY CRYS FOR A MOMENT.
DIDN'T YOU PUT YOUR FAITH IN CRYS?
SFX: SMACK

HE ALSO SAID, "TO SAVE THE WORLD IS MY MISSION"
THAT OLD GUY PRYCE SAID, "BESIDES MY GOODS, THE OTHERS ARE ALL ITEMS" OR SOMETHING, BUT DESPITE THAT,

THEY PUT EVERYTHING TO AN END, ALL THEIR HARSH DOINGS.
EVEN THOSE FOUR NOW MAY HAVE CHANGED IN THAT MANNER.

GIVE US A LITTLE CHANCE ALREADY.
SO,



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